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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP(CARTER, JIMMY) PGOV, BQG
SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR INFORMS FRG OF DOBRYNIN'S
DEMARCHE REGARDING PRESIDENT'S VISIT

REF: STATE 172467

1. IN A JUNE 10 MEETING WITH STATE SECRETARY VAN WELL
OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE, THE AMBASSADOR INFORMED VAN WELL

OF THE SOVIET PROTEST CONCERNING HIGH SOVIET## OFFICIALS
ACCOMPANYING THE PRESIDENT TO BERLIN (REFTEL).
DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING OTHER TOPICS ARE REPORTED
SEPTELS.

2. THE AMBASSADOR STATED THAT WE HAD ALREADY
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RECEIVED FROM THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON
A PROTEST WITH RESPECT TO THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO
BERLIN, FOCUSING ON THE FACT THAT IF HE WERE
ACCOMPANIED BY HIGH FEDERAL OFFICIALS OF THE FRG
THIS WOULD NOT BE COMPATIBLE WITH THE QA. THE
AMBASSADOR SAID THAT WE HAD CLEARLY STATED THAT THE
VISIT WOULD NOT BE IN VIOLATION OF THE QA. THE

PRESIDENT COULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY WHOMEVER HE WISHED.
IT WAS QUITE NATURAL FOR FRG OFFICIALS TO ACCOMPANY
THE PRESIDENT BECAUSE OF THE TIES BETWEEN BERLIN
AND THE FRG, AND BECAUSE THE FRG REPRESENTS BERLIN
IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. THE COMPLETENESS OF OUR
REPLY WAS DESIGNED TO MAKE POINTS APPLICABLE ALSO
WHEN HIGH OFFICIALS OTHER THAN THOSE OF THE PROTEC-

TIVE POWERS VISITED BERLIN.

3. VAN WELL EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT THE FULLNESS
OF THE US REACTION AND POINTED OUT THAT THE FRG
CHANCELLOR AND FOREIGN MINISTER IN PRACTICE ACCOMPANY
ONLY HIGH OFFICIALS OF THE THREE OCCUPYING POWERS IN
WEST BERLIN. HIGH OFFICIALS OF OTHER STATES ARE
ACCOMPANIED TO BERLIN ONLY BY THE CHIEF OR DEPUTY
CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AND THE FRG AMBASSADOR TO THE
RESPECTIVE COUNTRY. THIS LIMITATION WAS BY REASON
OF THE FRG'S OWN DECISION AND REPRESENTED THE
MINIMAL REQUISITE INTERNATIONAL COURTESY.
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